but, like the Emperor himself, he has duties corresponding
to his   He administers the family property, nominally in the
of ail, but his children have no protection against his poor
or wastefulness. They may not bring suit against their parent
nor   remonstrate with him, even on the score of gaming, the chief
of Aonamite family property. All that a wife can do is respect-
to ctll the mandarin's attention to the illegally established gaming
her husband has the weakness to frequent. In the final
however, the really important personages in the family are
the   who has just died, and the grandson who will carry on
the cult. The father is but the living link between the two : the mother,
t   of perpetuating the family. Filial piety is the rock upon
the Annamlte social edifice is reared* Sons owe obedience, respect,
until they themselves become heads of their families:
t   Is   under male authority, first as a daughter, then as
t   or CQSXHbine.. Only as a mother has she any real authority.
Their   from the ancestral cult is the basis of this unfavoured
in practice their status is higher than that designated
by   distinctly above the position of Chinese women. Certainly
are the hardest workers in an Annamite family and the only
any commercial ability. The average Annamite's
miinea is uncomplicated by love — which is a theme of
to be confuted to written expression. A wife is a
to her husband or ^elder brother/' the classical ex-
of   conjugal affection. Emotions are confined prin-
ta   are spoiled when they are young,
is adolescents, and regarded with indifference when
A wife is her husband's inferior and she merits
tub   she   fiufctbity for their home, and has pre-
the   indispensable to insuring his

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